

December 29, 2004

The Honorable Christopher Cox  
Chairman, Select Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
202 Adams, Library of Congress Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cox,

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as the Subcommittee chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research & Development of the Select Committee on Homeland Security. We have worked together in a bipartisan manner to oversee the creation and operations of the Science and Technology Directorate within the Department of Homeland Security.

Developing and maintaining an enduring technological superiority is and will continue to be one of our first lines of defense in homeland security. It is particularly important that the Science and Technology Directorate get it right, maintain a sense of urgency, and establish partnerships with the public and private sector to make sure we are tapping into the very best ideas, products, and research that this nation has to offer. We must continue to be aggressive, not just in pursuing this enemy, but in pursuing new technologies that will help keep our cities and towns more secure.

Enclosed is our report on the Subcommittee's activities and findings for the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. The Subcommittee has made progress this year and, with your leadership and support, we look forward to building upon our record in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

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Chairman  
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity,  
Science, and Research &  
Development

Zoe Lofgren  
Ranking Member  
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Enclosure

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